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HUMAN TELOMERASE

CATALYTIC SUBUNIT:

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This is a request for reconsideration of the Notice mailed May 21, 2002, from the Licensing and Review Department indicating that the above-captioned application has been identified as "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182.

This conclusion is believed to be in error because the technology of this application relates to the field of biotechnology and is not related to nuclear material or atomic energy. Further, the claimed inventions were not made with funding from the Department of Energy.

If you have any questions regarding this Request or the subject matter of the application, please call the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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